

Safety Net Directory

Agencies and Organizations Helping Victims of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse in Polygamous Communities



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Message from Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard

I am deeply concerned for the victims of domestic violence and child abuse in Colorado City, Arizona and Hildale, Utah. These victims often find it difficult to reach out for help because they feel isolated by geography and culture. Working closely with the Utah Attorney General on this issue, we have made great progress towards removing those barriers. Still, much work remains to be done. I will continue to assist law enforcement and social service agencies to prevent and respond to domestic violence and child abuse, wherever it may occur.



The Safety Net Program has been successful in bringing together government, non-profit and community organizations to discuss these important issues. I plan to continue to seek out their help and expertise. This Directory is a compilation of many of those cooperating organizations and is designed to aid victims of domestic abuse and those wishing to help them find the resources they need. Many thanks to Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, Mohave County Attorney Matt Smith and the agencies, organizations and dedicated individuals who have worked so hard to make the Safety Net Program a success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Goddard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Terry" and last name "Goddard" clearly distinguishable.

Terry Goddard
Arizona Attorney General

Message from Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff

"It won't work." "No one will get along." "It will only make matters worse." Those are some of the comments heard when we first started working to make sure people from polygamous communities had the same rights to justice, safety and services as everyone else. I am pleased to say the naysayers were all wrong. Government agencies, non-profit groups and members of polygamous communities started talking, barriers began dropping and everyone discovered enough common ground to foster change.



We still have a long way to go. Too little was done for too long and we are trying to make up for years of indifference. But I can assure you that the Safety Net Program and the people and agencies listed in this directory are up to the task. Please join Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, myself and many others who are coming forward to take part in this bold effort to make sure all citizens have access to safety and justice.

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Mark Shurtleff
Utah Attorney General

Introduction

As a result of an unprecedented partnership between the Arizona and Utah Attorney Generals' Offices, a Safety Net Program has been established which represents coordinated efforts of human services agencies and law enforcement organizations from Arizona and Utah.



The Safety Net Program found its beginnings in the 2003 meeting between Arizona and Utah law enforcement and Attorneys General. Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard and Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff determined that there exists in Colorado City and Hildale an intense need for not only increased law enforcement but also for improved access to social services and community resources. Since

that time, representatives from law enforcement, state and local social service agencies, advocacy groups and members of the community have convened monthly meetings to discuss the special needs and concerns of those living in polygamous communities. Outreach and support to victims must address the barriers unique to the polygamous communities such as geographic isolation, historical disputes with government, transportation barriers, lack of access to victim services and other resources such as legal assistance and lack of awareness of services.

The goals of the Program include opening communication, breaking down barriers and working together to ensure that those affected by polygamy have equal access to justice, safety and social services.

This Directory is intended to be a resource and guide to those seeking help. Should you have any suggestions for future editions, please contact Shannon Mataele at the Arizona Attorney General's Office at 602.542.8012 or shannon.mataele@azag.gov



Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Contact: Leah Meyers
Phone: 602-279-2900 or 800-782-6400.
Legal advocacy hotline: 800-782-6400.
Address: 301 E. Bethany Home Rd., Suite C194, Phoenix, AZ 85012
E-Mail: acadv@azcadv.org
Web site: www.azcadv.org
Type: Private, Non-Profit

Services: The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence serves as an advocate and a voice representing the needs of domestic violence service providers and the victims they serve throughout Arizona. The toll-free legal advocacy hotline provides victims and family members with help concerning safety planning, court procedures, civil and criminal law, name changes, etc. This organization also provides domestic violence information through a resource library that includes: provider resources, orders of protection, and myths and facts about domestic violence.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Resources are available throughout Arizona. Web site provides links to national resources for domestic violence.



Arizona Community Information and Referral

Contact: Mark Lewis, INR Program Manager
Phone: From anywhere: 602-263-8856
from within area codes 520 and 928: 1-800-352-3792
(see jurisdiction requirements)
Address: 1515 East Osborn Road, Phoenix, AZ 85014
E-Mail: mark@cir.org
Web site: www.cirs.org
Type: Non-profit

Services: Arizona Community Information and Referral (CIR) is a health and human services directory. The Information Helpline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The Web site provides state and federal government links, such as law enforcement agencies and county Web sites. There are also media links to helpful and relevant magazines and newspapers. Further resources that are offered include contact information for non-profit agencies and legal aid services. Additionally, community voice mail is offered which gives homeless individuals private phone numbers to help with job searches. The Community Network for Accessing Shelter (CONTACS) assists domestic violence victims with finding shelter in emergency situations. Arizona 211 directory services and Teen Link pre-recorded messages are also available. The Arizona Community Information and Referral Web site contains referral links to similar services in other states.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: The Web site is accessible to all states. There is no charge for calls made from within area codes 602, 520 and 928. Calls made from outside these area codes are toll calls. Services are available to residents of Mohave, Coconino, Navajo, Apache, Gila, Pinal, Maricopa, and La Paz Counties. Some services are offered statewide, including: referrals for free income tax assistance, summer activities, holiday assistance, and Flu/Pneumonia immunizations.



Child Care Assistance

Contact: Helen Hutchins, Child Care Specialist
Phone: 928-753-6621
Address: 301 Pine Street, Kingman, AZ
E-Mail: Hhutchins@azdes.gov
Web site: de.state.az.us/childcare

Services: Most services offered can be completed by telephone. Itinerate services are by appointment only. Call 928-753-6621. There are no office hours in Colorado City. The DES Child Care Administration (CCA) helps eligible families pay a portion of child care costs when parents or caretakers participate in DES eligible activities, such as employment. Eligibility requirements are different for each Child Care program. CCA contracts with small family child care homes, Department of Health Services (DHS) licensed child care centers and group homes and non-certified relative providers to provide child care services for eligible families. CCA provides funding to increase the availability and improve the quality of child care services. The office also certifies child care homes. The Web site includes a link to an on-line child care referrals.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Income criteria (up to 165% of US poverty guidelines). To be eligible, individuals must be employed or, if attending school, must be working 20 hours per week. If unable to care for children due to either physical or mental disabilities, some assistance may be possible. A doctor's statement explaining disabilities must be provided. Open to Arizona residents only.

Child Protective Services

Contact: Laurie White, District III Program Manager
Phone: Office: 928-779-2731
To make a report, call the Child Abuse Hotline:
1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)
Address: 220 N. Leroux, Flagstaff, AZ 86001
E-Mail: Lwhite@azdes.gov

Contact: Steve Terry, Unit Supervisor (Colorado City area)
Phone: 928-645-8103, Extension 223
Address: P.O. Box 3323, Page, AZ 86040
E-Mail: steve.terry@azdes.gov
Web site: www.de.state.az.us/dcfs/cps

Services: Child Protective Services is a part of Division of Children, Youth and Families within the Arizona State Department of Economic Security. When allegations of child abuse or neglect, exploitation or abandonment indicate the need, Arizona law requires Child Protective Services to conduct an investigation. The Child Protective Services program receives, screens and investigates allegations of child abuse and neglect, performs assessments of child safety, assesses the imminent risk of harm to the children, and evaluates conditions that support or refute the alleged abuse or neglect and need for emergency intervention. This program provides case management, parent aide and other in-home family support services. Additionally, out-of-home services to individuals or families are offered, as well as assistance to young adults in transition from adolescence to adulthood.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Services are available to Arizona residents only. However, residents of any jurisdiction may call in a complaint pertaining to residents of Arizona.

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Contact: Terri Jestesen, Support Coordinator
Phone: 928-875-8458
Address: 590 S. Central, Colorado City, AZ 86021
E-Mail: tjustesen@azdes.gov
Web site: www.de.state.az.us/ddd

Services: The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provides services and programs to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities. The DDD aims to support the choices of individuals with disabilities and their families by promoting and providing flexible, quality, and consumer-driven services and supports.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Open to Arizona residents who have a chronic disability attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or autism that manifested before the age of 18. The disability must also result in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Children under the age of 6

years may be eligible for services if there is a strongly demonstrated potential that the child is, or will become developmentally disabled.

Family Assistance

Contact: Kay Williams
Phone: 435-688-5700 or 928-645-8132
Address: 320 E. 650 S., St. George, Utah 84771
E-Mail: kwilliams@azdes.gov
Web site: www.de.state.az.us/faa

Services: A cash assistance program temporarily provides funding and support services to children, individuals and their families. Individuals who are ineligible for cash assistance may be eligible to receive Supportive Services. These may include child care or participation in the Jobs Program. The Family Assistance Program also offers a comprehensive medical and dental program for children in foster care, as well as food stamps. Currently, there are no Colorado City office hours.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Open to Arizona residents who qualify based on income. Eligible parents are pregnant women in their last trimester or have children under the age of 19 who are in their care. Parents of a child who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) may also be eligible. For further details on eligibility, see the Web site listed above.

Rehabilitation Services Administration

Contact: David Moise
Phone: 928-645-8103, Extension 233
Address: P.O. Box 3323, Page, AZ 86040
E-Mail: Dmoise@azdes.gov
Web site: www.de.state.az.us/rsa

Services: The Rehabilitation Services Administration assists people with disabilities to become or remain economically independent through work, eventually eliminating their need for ongoing governmental support.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Eligible persons must have a disability that is an impediment to employment. This condition can be a physical, psychological or learning disability. Participants must be eligible for full-time employment. Refer potential clients directly to the agency for further assessment of eligibility requirements. Open to Arizona residents only.



Children's Justice Center of Washington County

Contact: Patricia Sheffield
Phone: 435-634-1134
Address: 441 East 500 South, St. George, UT 84770
E-mail: cjc@infowest.com
Web site: www.attygen.state.ut.us/childjuscntrloc.html
Type: Private donations and partial state funding

Services: The Children's Justice Center works with Child Protective Services and law enforcement agencies to provide interview services. Special facilities are available to law enforcement and Child Protective Services to conduct child abuse investigations. Access to medical exams is available. The Children's Justice Center also provides referral services to victims' families. The agency is an accredited Member of the National Children's Alliance.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Eligible children are victims of alleged physical or sexual abuse. In addition to Washington County, Utah, the Children's Justice Center also deals with cases arising out of Mohave County, Arizona.

The Diversity Foundation: Lost Boys Program

Contact: Dave Bills, Lost Boys Coordinator
Phone: 801-553-4402
Address: 505 W. 10200 South, South Jordan, UT 84095
E-mail: bdave@ultradent.com
Web site: thediversityfoundation.org
Type: Non-profit

Services: The Lost Boys are a group of young men who have been expelled from or coerced out of polygamist communities. Dr. Dan Fischer, a former member of the FLDS community, founded the Lost Boys Program within the Diversity Foundation. The Diversity Foundation assists the boys with school enrollment and/or obtaining their GED. The Diversity Foundation also aids the boys in finding employment and assists them with medical and dental care expenses. Under certain circumstances, the Diversity Foundation will provide assistance with living expenses.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: National



Dixie Care and Share of Washington County

Contact: Ralph Flanagan
Phone: 435-628-3661
Address: 131 North 300 West, St. George, UT 84770
E-mail: dixiecn@infowest.com
Web site: dixiecareandshare.org
Type: Non-profit

Services: Dixie Care and Share provides food and shelter for homeless or low income individuals. Included in these services are supplementary food boxes, men's and family shelters, laundry facilities, sleeping quarters, showers, clothing and basic personal items. The St. George food bank and pantry office hours are Monday through Friday, 11am – 2pm. The shelter is open 7 days per week beginning at 6pm. Showers are available 7 days per week from 4:00 – 5:30pm. The Hurricane Valley Food Bank and Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am – 2pm.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Free for low-income individuals and families on a temporary or short term basis. Residents of Colorado City are permitted to enter the pantry, but food boxes are available only for residents of Washington County, Utah. For individuals in transit, "camper specials" are available.



Domestic Violence Linkline

Contact: A.J. Hunt
Phone: 1-800-897-LINK (5465)
Address: Confidential
E-Mail: ahunt@udvac.org
A.J. Hunt's direct line: 801-521-5544 Ext. 104
Web site: www.udvc.org/linkline
Type: Private, non-profit

Services: The Linkline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide resources to individuals with domestic violence issues. Among those resources are counseling, shelters, safe houses, support groups, police referrals, and mental and physical health services. They also provide referrals to human services agencies, legal services, and victims' assistance groups. The Web site lists information on protective orders, different types of abuse, and a safety plan. In addition, advocate, counseling and shelter lists are available. The Linkline is provided by the Utah Domestic Violence Council and is one of the Safe Passages Grant partners.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: The Domestic Violence Linkline is free for all U.S. residents. However, the referrals that Linkline provides are organizations and locations that are exclusive to Utah.

D.O.V.E. Center

Contact: Lynda Whitlock
Phone: 435-628-1204 and 435-628-0458 *24-hour crisis line*
Address: P.O. Box 2972, St. George, UT 84771
(confidential location address)
E-mail: dove@infowest.com
Type: Non-profit

Services: The D.O.V.E. Center provides emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, and emotional support for victims of domestic violence. They operate a 24-hour crisis hotline. The D.O.V.E. Center will assist victims with legal services, advocacy and accompaniment, as well as transitional housing. A mobile hospital response team is also available.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. The D.O.V.E. Center's services are offered to residents of Washington County, Colorado City, Centennial Park, and other Arizona Strip residents.

The **HOPE** Organization

ChildBrides.org

~ a reason to hope ~

The HOPE Organization

Contact: Elaine Tyler or Amy Cobine
Phone: 435-627-9582
Address: 115 North 300 West, Bldg. B, Ste. 101, Washington, UT 84780
E-mail: child_brides@yahoo.com
Web site: childbrides.org
Type: Private, non-profit

Services: The HOPE Organization assists with food, shelter, transportation, clothing, toiletries and other basic needs. HOPE also assists individuals in accessing job placement, education, legal services and psychological support services. The HOPE Web site (childbrides.org) provides information about the Arizona, Utah, Texas, Colorado, Idaho and Canadian FLDS communities, including current and past news stories relating to U.S. polygamist groups. HOPE is the local affiliate for CharityCars.org.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: HOPE focuses on polygamist communities and assists victims of abuse or neglect in the U.S. and Canada. Victims may include underage girls, young men (Lost Boys) and adults.



Arizona Chapter

Contact: Donnalee Sarda, MC, LPC
Phone: 602-235-9300
Address: P.O. Box 45500, Phoenix, AZ 85064
E-Mail: dsarda@justiceforchildren.org
Web site: justiceforchildren.org
Type: National, non-profit organization

Services: Justice for Children-AZ (JFC) is the Arizona Chapter of a national, non-profit organization. JFC provides legal assistance and advocacy with a focus on child abuse. The organization provides free casework and legal assistance on a case-by-case basis, and pursues legislative advocacy to give a voice to children. In addition, resources for therapy are provided for cases that fit prescribed criteria. Community resource referrals, community presentations, and research are provided. JFC works with child protective services, law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, and family and criminal justice systems pursuing child safety and the best interests of the child. JFC also assists with some domestic violence cases when children are at risk of harm. JFC offers attorney training for volunteer lawyers.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Eligible children are victims of documented criminal abuse.



Contact: Debbie Justice
Phone: 435-673-5353
Address: 1192 W. Sunset Blvd. No. 2, St. George, UT 84770
E-Mail: tlc4kids@infowest.com
Web site: www.tlc4families.org
Type: Private, non-profit, contracted by the Utah Department of Health

Services: TLC for Families offers home and center-based programs that serve all of Washington County and the Arizona Strip.

The Early Head Start program is a family support program for low-income pregnant women and children ages newborn to three years. The program provides health, nutrition and developmental support for the entire family to ensure family self sufficiency, as well as supporting infants and toddlers in developing to their fullest potential. Enrollment is free.

Early Intervention provides support services for children who show any kind of developmental delay. Services provided include training for the whole family, as well as therapeutic services for children with delays. Call for a free evaluation of your child.

All services and support resources are provided by personnel who reflect the various communities in the area with respect for all cultures and backgrounds.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Available for residents of Washington County, Utah and the Arizona Strip. Eligibility determined by diagnosis, standardized testing, or the clinical opinion of The Learning Center for Families team.



Matt Smith, Mohave County Attorney

Contact: Kim Nuttall, Victim Advocate
Phone: 1-928-875-8480
Physical Address: 315 N. 4th Street, Kingman, AZ 86402
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 102, Hurricane, UT 84737
E-Mail: kim.nuttall@co.mohave.az.us

Contact: Gary Engels, Special Investigator (Criminal)
Phone: 1-928-875-8462
Physical Address: 590 S. Central, Colorado City, AZ 86021
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 102, Hurricane, UT 84737
E-mail: gary.engels@co.mohave.az.us

Web site: co.mohave.az.us
Type: Mohave County Government

Services: The purpose of Victim Advocacy is to ensure that victims of crime are treated with fairness and respect by the criminal justice system and to see that their rights are protected. The Victim Advocate offers support, crisis intervention and referrals to local programs and services. The Victim Advocate assists with Orders of Protection and Injunctions against Harassment, and may accompany victims to court hearings and arrange for emergency services. The Victim Advocate also works closely with law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, and social services agencies in Arizona and Utah. The Special Investigator investigates cases of abuse, fraud and other crimes as directed by the County Attorney.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Mohave County, Arizona



North Mohave Campus, Colorado City

Contact: Susan Hammon or Carolyn Hamblin
Phone: 928-875-2799
Address: 480 South Central, Colorado City, AZ 86021
E-Mail: susan@mohave.edu or carham@mohave.edu
Web site: www.mohave.edu
Type: Mohave County Government

Services: GED orientation and GED preparation classes available at all campus locations, including Colorado City. Mohave County Community College offers free counseling, education and advisement.

Mohave Community College offers a Life Skills class (AED 089) which helps students to develop an understanding of the skills necessary to prepare for the work force, such as interview skills, resume preparation, and personal finance skills. Curriculum includes developing interpersonal communication skills and an awareness of everyday law (criminal, civil and traffic). It also addresses goal setting, character development, and ethical and leadership issues. Fundamental applications of business, consumer and construction math, and awareness of the work ethic required for successful career enhancement and employment are also discussed.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: There are four campus locations in Mohave County. MCC serves residents of Mohave County, as well as communities in Nevada and southern Utah. The GED program accepts students age 16 and over, but will sometimes accept younger students. This is a grant-based program and is free for persons dislocated by polygamy.



Tom Sheahan, Mohave County Sheriff

Address: 600 West Beale Street, Kingman, AZ 86401
Web site: co.mohave.az.us/MCSO
Type: Mohave County Government

Contact: Sgt. Steve Bailey
Dispatch Phone: 800-522-4312
Address: 590 South Central, Colorado City, AZ 86021
E-mail: stevebailey@co.mohave.az.us

Services: Provides law enforcement services to the residents of Mohave County, Arizona

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Mohave County, Arizona



Phone: 1-800-RUNAWAY
Address: 3080 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60657
E-Mail: info@nrscrisisline.org
Web site: www.1800runaway.org
Type: National, private

Services: The National Runaway Switchboard is a toll-free, confidential crisis intervention hotline. It is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The purpose of this resource is to link youth to family members or community-based resources. This organization assists youth in exploring options and determining plans to address their problems.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Youth and adults nationwide may use this resource.

Safe Talk Helpline

When family problems are
too much to face alone



Safe Talk Helpline – Childhelp USA

Contact: Cheryl Mayer
Phone: 1-866-9-SAFE-99 *abuse hotline*
Address: 15757 N. 78th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260
E-Mail: cmayer@childhelpusa.org
Web site: www.childhelpusa.org
Type: National, private

Services: The Safe Talk Helpline provides crisis counseling for victims of child abuse, domestic violence and other types of abuse. The Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by professional counselors who offer support, explain choices and provide referrals to additional resources.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Free for children, youth, and adults. This is a national hotline, but is especially encouraged for residents of Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ.



St. George Police Department – Victim Services Unit

Contact: Carol Call, Victim/Witness Coordinator
Phone: 435-634-5001 or 435-628-2408
Address: 200 East 265 North, St. George, UT 84770
E-mail: vadvocate2003@yahoo.com
Web site: sgcity.org/police
Type: St. George City Government

Services: The Victim Services Unit responds to the emotional, psychological and physical needs of crime victims. Services include crisis intervention, emotional support, counseling, referrals, and assistance with compensation and the criminal process.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: This department has jurisdiction over law enforcement in St. George, Utah and victim advocacy in all of Washington County.



Tapestry Against Polygamy

Contact: Vicky Prunty or Rowenna Erickson
Phone: 801-205-6506 or 801-259-5200 *Hotline*
Address: 10 West Broadway, Suite 616, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
E-mail: ex-wives@polygamy.org
Web site: www.polygamy.org
Type: Non-profit

Services: Legal resources and referrals, relocation and shelter assistance, individual and group support. Also offers general assistance to individuals leaving polygamous lifestyles. Web site provides information on the history and present-day aspects of polygamy.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Arizona, Utah and other areas where polygamy is practiced



Utah Community Information and Referral Center

Phone: 2-1-1 for Utah residents or toll-free outside Utah 1-888-826-9790
Address: 1025 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104
E-Mail: 211@csc-ut.org
Web site: informationandreferral.org
Type: Private, non-profit

Services: The 211 Info Bank is a general resource listing that includes food assistance programs, a domestic violence assistance list, housing, mental health counseling, support groups, welfare and financial services and others. The Web site contains links to health and dental, parent, and homeless resources.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: The Web site is accessible to everyone. Utah residents dial 2-1-1. A toll-free phone number is also provided for individuals calling from outside the State of Utah.

utah department of human services

Division of Child and Family Services

Phone: 435-652-2916
Address: 377 E. Riverside Dr., St. George, UT 84790
Web site: dhs.utah.gov
Type: State Government

Child Protective Services

Contact: Annie Ashcraft, CPS Intake
Phone: 435-652-2964
Address: 377 E. Riverside Dr., St. George, UT 84790
E-mail: aashcraft@utah.gov
Web site: dcfs.utah.gov

Services: Child Protective Services investigates child abuse and neglect. CPS offers foster care, and youth services. If you suspect abuse or neglect, call the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline at (800) 678-9399.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Utah residents

Domestic Violence Services

Contact: Ruth Huth
Address: 377 E. Riverside Dr., St. George, UT 84790
Phone: 435-652-2994
E-mail: rhuth@utah.gov

Services: Domestic Violence Services offer crisis intervention for domestic violence by assisting with food, immediate shelter, locating housing and counseling, education and prevention classes, support groups and resources for other services.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Utah residents

Safe Passage Grant Program

The Safe Passage Grant Program funds a network of services and programs that assist victims of domestic violence within polygamous communities. The U.S.

Department of Justice and the Office on Violence Against Women provides \$700,000 in federal funds. Services include case management, domestic violence resources and referrals, emergency housing and food, housing assistance, legal representation, transportation, victim assistance, and counseling resources.

Contact: Suzanne Chavira or John Larsen
Address: 377 E. Riverside Dr., St. George, UT 84790
Phone: 435-652-2953
E-mail: schavira@utah.gov, johnlarsen@utah.gov

The Safe Passage Grant's Network Partners and sub-recipients of the grant include:

- Arizona Attorney General's Office
- Utah Attorney General's Office
- Utah Division of Child and Family Services
- Mohave County Sheriff's Office
- Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Domestic Violence Linkline
- DOVE Center
- Utah Legal Services
- St. George Police Department

Description of Services: Case Management: Utah Department of Child and Family Services provides a case manager who assists victims with housing, employment, educational opportunities, counseling resources, and transportation resources and services. Additionally, the case manager coordinates with other government, private and non-profit agencies on behalf of victims.

Counseling Resources: Women who are victims of domestic violence from a polygamous community or family may attend a Women's Support Group once a week in southern Utah. Contact Suzanne Chavira (435-652-2953) for dates and times. A woman's support group also meets in Salt Lake City. Call Pat Merkley (801-487-7778) for dates and times.

Domestic Violence Resource and Referral: The Domestic Violence Linkline is available 24 hours a day to help crisis victims. The Linkline also provides general domestic violence information to the community.

Emergency Housing and Food: If a victim or family is not able to stay at the local shelter because of safety or space restrictions, then staff can secure a hotel and purchase groceries for them.

Housing Assistance: Each victim or family may receive up to \$1,500 in transitional housing assistance. This usually pays for the downpayment and two months' rent for an apartment. Local shelters can cover the cost of the housing and later request reimbursement from the grant. A signed lease agreement and any supporting documentation are needed for reimbursement.

Law Enforcement: Enhanced law enforcement services are provided. A full-time Washington County Sheriff's deputy is employed as a grant partner.

Legal Representation: Victims who qualify for assistance through Utah Legal Services may receive up to \$6,000 in legal representation for divorce and custody cases. Legal Services also has contract attorneys available in Mohave County, Arizona.

Transportation: Local shelter staff and law enforcement may receive reimbursement for mileage when transporting victims to other services. Victims may also request bus passes to find housing, employment or other resources.

Victim Assistance: A victim advocate is available at the St. George Police Department to help victims understand the legal system, attain protective orders, secure shelter, or find other resources necessary for individuals dealing with an abusive relationship.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Victims of domestic violence residing in Utah and Mohave County, Arizona.



Brock Belnap, Washington County Attorney

Contact: Brock Belnap, County Attorney
Phone: 435-634-5723
E-mail: brockb@wcattorney.com

Contact: Ryan Shaum, Prosecutor, Deputy County Attorney
Phone: 435-634-5723
78 North 200 East
St. George, UT 84770
E-mail: ryans@wcattorney.com
Type: County Government

Services: The County Attorney prosecutes accused criminals. When the police or a victim chooses to press criminal charges against an abuser in Washington County, the County Attorney pursues the case in court. For information on victim advocacy, please see the St. George Police Department resource sheet in the Safety Net Directory.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Serves residents of Washington County, Utah



Kirk Smith, Washington County Sheriff

Contact: Matt Fisher, Deputy
Phone: 435-656-6500, Cell 435-467-1271
Address: 750 South 5400 West, Hurricane, UT 84737
Web site: washeriff.state.ut.us
Type: County Government

Services: Provides law enforcement services to Washington County, including Hildale, Utah. The office places an emphasis on responding to domestic violence and child abuse matters. The Washington County Sheriff's Office is a Safe Passage Grant Partner. For more information on the Safe Passage Grant, see Utah Department of Human Services, Department of Child and Family Services resource sheet in the Safety Net Directory.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Washington County, Utah